ANNOTATED ORGANISATION OF WORK DURING CSD-18

(updated 7May 1pm)

The 18th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-18) will meet for 2 weeks from 3 – 14 May 2010 at the UN Headquarters in New York. This is the first CSD session that will take place in the new North Lawn Building. Due to space limitations and security arrangements, entry to the building and conference rooms will be governed by a set of rules and procedures. In this regard, for further details, please see Information Note on the CSD-18 website http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/csd/csd_csd18.shtml.

CSD-18 is a Review Session of the current cycle and the results of this review should bring about an improved understanding of priority concerns of the thematic issues selected for this Cycle - chemicals, waste management, mining, transport and 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns. This objective will be achieved through different panel discussion, interactive dialogue among stakeholders, and by organizing partnership forum and learning center including a series of side events.

FIRST WEEK 3 – 7 MAY 2010

The first week will be devoted to interactive thematic discussions on the five themes of the cycle as well as on interlinkages, cross-cutting issues and means of implementation. The session will conclude with the Chair's Summary – Part 1 that will capture salient features of the discussions took place during the first week, and will be distributed on the morning of Monday, 10 May. The delegations will be invited to make factual comments on the Chair's Summary at the end of Tuesday, 11 May.

Monday, 3 May 2010 - Opening of the CSD-18, NLB, Conference Room 1 (overflow room is NLB, ECOSOC Chamber)

- Welcome remarks by the Chair of CSD-18
- Opening remarks by Mr, Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant-Secretary General/DESA
- Prersentation of inter-sessional reports

Report of waste management meeting (Japan)

Report of chemicals meeting
Report of transport meeting
(Stockholm Convention)
(Republic of Korea)

Report of 3R meeting (Japan)

This will be followed by statements of the major political groups and Major Groups as well as individual Member States, time permitting.

Regional Meetings—Afternoon of 3 May and Morning of 4 May 2010

All Regional Commissions will lead the organization of their respective sessions. Each session will last for 90 minutes, and there will be parallel sessions on the afternoon of 3 May. The Regional discussions will provide the opportunity for presentations of the outcomes of the regional implementation meetings, followed by interactive dialogue between participants and regional panelists focused on identifying region-specific barriers and constraints, lessons learned and best practices in relation to the thematic cluster of issues under review. The last regional meeting will be devoted to cross-regional perspectives

Monday, 3 May 2010, 3:00 – 4:30 pm, NLB, Conference Room 1 Regional Session – Africa.

Chair: Ambassdor Mr. Mohamed Alahraf, Vice-Chair of the CSD-18 (Libya)

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Mr Zaheer Fakir (South Africa) will present a report from the RIM.

Following panelists will make presentations on regional specific challenges and constraints facing the agenda being reviewed by the current CSD cycle.

- o Ms. Isatou Gaye, ECA
- o Ms. Fatoumata Jallow Ndoye, African Union Commission

Monday, 3 May 2010, 3:00 – 4:30 pm, NLB, ECOSOC Chamber Regional meeting – Latin America and the Caribbean.

<u>Chair</u>: Dr. Luis Alberto Ferraté Felice, Chairperson of CSD-18 Mr. Jose Luis Samaniego (ECLAC) will present a report from the RIM.

Following panelists will make presentations on regional specific challenges and constraints facing the agenda being reviewed by the current CSD cycle.

- o Mr. Fernando Escalona, Minister Plenipotentiary, Argentina
- o Ms. Janil Greenaway, Minister, Permanent Mission of Antigua and Barbuda to the UN

Monday, 3 May 2010, 4:30-6:00 pm, NLB, Conference Room 1 Regional meeting – Asia and the Pacific.

<u>Chair</u>: Mr. Eduardo Meñez, Vice-Chair of the CSD-18 (Philippines). He will also present a report from the RIM.

Following panelists will make presentations on regional specific challenges and constraints facing the agenda being reviewed by the current CSD cycle.

- Dr. Satoshi Murao, Senior Researcher, National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan
- o Ms. Meena Bilgi, Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management (WOCAN).

Monday, 3 May 2010, 4:30 – 6:00 pm, NLB, ECOSOC Chamber Regional meeting – Europe.

<u>Co-Chairs</u>: Mr. Ulf Jaeckel, Vice-Chair of the CSD-18 (Germany) and Ms Tania Raguž, Vice-Chair of the CSD-18 (Croatia).

Co-Chairs will also present the RIM report.

Following panelists will make presentations on regional specific challenges and constraints facing the agenda being reviewed by the current CSD cycle.

- Ms. Victoria Thoresen, Associate Professor and Project Manager, Partnership for Education and Research about Responsible Living (PERL), Hedmark University College, Hamar, Norway on Sustainable Consumption and Production
- Mr. Patrick Chevalier, Director, Strategic Outreach and Partnerships Division, Department of Natural Resources, Ottawa, Canada on mining

Tuesday, 4 May 2010, 10:00 – 11:30 am, NLB, Conference Room 1 Regional meeting – Western Asia.

<u>Chair</u>: Mr. Mohamed Alahraf, Vice-Chair of the CSD-18 (Libya). Ms. Anhar Hegazi from ESCWA will present the RIM report.

Following panelists will make presentations on regional specific challenges and constraints facing the agenda being reviewed by the current CSD cycle.

- Dr. Abdulbasit S. Sairafi, Deputy Assistant for Sustainable Affairs Presidency of Meteorology and Environment (Saudi Arabia)
- o Ms. Anhar Hegazi, ESCWA

Tuesday, 4 May 2010, 11:30 am – 1:00pm, NLB, Conference Room 1 Session on Cross-regional perspectives

The session will aim at bringing together all regions for cross sharing of best practices and experiences gained in implementing the agenda of current cycle. The session will provide an opportunity for building cross regional partnerships for scaling up of best practices.

<u>Chair:</u> Dr. Luis Alberto Ferraté Felice, Minister for Environment and Natural Resources of Guatemala and CSD-18 Chairperson.

<u>Panelist:</u> Dr. Marco Keiner, Director of the Environment, Housing and Land Management Division, UNECE.

Thematic Interactive Discussions (4-7 May 2010)

One full day of discussion will be devoted to each theme of the current cycle. Each session will start with a brief opening statement from the Chair. The Secretariat will introduce the Secretary-General's report on the theme. This will be followed by presentations by the panelists covering specific aspects of the theme in relation to challenges and constraints facing implementation. A special session has been devoted to discussion on interlinkages and cross-cutting issues and means of implementation. Outcomes of the thematic seminar series together with ensuing e-discussions that was launched during the preparatory process for CSD-18 will be made available as background document to the discussions.

Transport

Transport and mobility are essential preconditions for sustainable development. In rural areas of developing countries, access to basis transport infrastructure and services are important for poverty alleviation and achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. In cities and urban areas effective public transport services are urgently needed to reduce traffic congestion, air pollution and the associated negative health effects. Transport and associated services provide employment opportunities for millions of people in both, industrialized and developing countries. The recent disruption of international air traffic due to the volcanic ash clouds over Europe has shown how much our modern economy depends on modern means of transport.

Tuesday, 4 May2010, 3:00-6:00pm, NLB, Room 1 Chair

- Presentation of a documentary
- Panel discussion
 - Dr. Eran Feitelson, Department of Geography, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, Visiting Professor, Transport Studies Unit, School of Geography a

Wednesday, 5 May 2010, 3:00-6:00pm, NLB, Room 1 Chair: Mr. Eduardo Meñez, Vice-Chair of the CSD-18 (Philippines).

- Opening remarks by the ChairPresentation of the SG report
- Presentation of a documentary
- Panel Discussion
 - o Dr. Paul Connett, Executive Director, American Environmental Health Studies Project
 - o Ms. Sonia Jeanet Arevalo Serrano,, Public Services of Bogota, Colombia

Thursday, 6 May 2010, 10:00am -1:00pm, NLB, ECOSOC Chamber \ Chair

emerging countries have to increasingly be produced more efficiently, with less resource, waste generation and pollution.

Thursday, 6 May 2010, 3:00 -6:00pm, NLB, Room 1

Chair: Mr. Ulf Jaeckel, Vice-Chair of the CSD-18 (Germany)

- Opening remarks by the Chair
- Presentation of the SG report
- Presentation of a documentary
- Panel Discussion
 - o Prof. Cleo Migiro, Chair of the African Roundtable on SCP
 - Dr. Stephen Spratt, Head of Sustainable Markets Group, International Institute for Environment and Development, London
 - Mr. Helio Mattar, President of the Akatu Institute for Conscious Consumption in Sao Paulo, Brazil

Friday, 7 May 2010, 10:00am - 1:00pm, NLB, Room 1

Chair: Mr. Ulf Jaeckel, Vice-Chair of the CSD-18 (Germany)

- Presentation of a documentary
- Panel Discussion
 - o Professor Greg Norris, Harvard University
 - Dr. Anna Jones-Crabtree, Sustainable Operations Coordinator for the Rocky Mountain and Northern Regions of the Forest Service

Inter-linkages, Cross-cutting Issues and Means of Implementation

Affordable, economically viable, socially acceptable and environmentally sound transport systems contribute to poverty eradication and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, particularly in developing countries. It is also making management of chemicals and waste

Multi-stakeholder Dialogue on Advancing the Implementation of CSD Decisions Tuesday, 11 May, 3:00 – 5:30 pm, NLB, Conference Room 1 Chair: Ms Tania Raquž, Vice-Chair of the CSD-18 (Croatia).

The slow rate of implementation of the sustainable development agenda, including the CSD decisions, remains a source of concern at all levels. Many stakeholders have expressed the view that CSD needs to become more forward-looking and action oriented. In part, this means taking a new attitude in which decisions taken by the Commission are implemented in their true spirit by all stakeholders. For example, governments of developing countries continue to struggle with accessing enough resources, and acquiring capacities and technologies to implement the decisions leading to slow progress in meeting internationally agreed goals. The "Multi-stakeholders Dialogue on Advancing the Implementation of CSD Decisions" is an effort in this direction. The panelists include the following:

- H.E. Mr. Kaire Mbuende, Permanent Representative of Namibia and Vice-Chairperson of CSD-17
- o Mr. Luc Gnacadja, Executive Secretary UNCCD
- o Mr. Felix Dodds, President, Multistakeholder Forum
- o Mr. Thomas Forster, Partnership for Sustainable Development and New School

High-level segment (HLS) - 12 - 14 May 2010

Ministers of environment, development and planning will attend the HLS together with other line ministers of the themes of this cycle. Their video messages, invited by the Chairperson of CSD-18, Minister Ferraté, will be played on DSD web page and on the monitors in front of and inside the conference rooms. Key features of the HLS include an opening session, 4 ministerial rountables, Ministerial dialogue with the UN system and major groups, a strategic session on way forward. In addition, a closed ministerial consultation meeting is planned under the theme of *straight talk*.

Opening of HLS – 12 May, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, General Assembly Hall

At the opening of the HLS, the following speakers will deliver remarks covering different aspects of the sustainable development agenda, with focus on themes of the current CSD cycle.

- o H.E. Dr. Luis Alberto Ferraté Felice, Chairperson of CSD-18
- o H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General, United Nations
- o H.E. Dr. Ali Abdussalam Treki, President of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly
- H.E. Mr. Hamidon Ali, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations, President of ECOSOC
- H.E. Ms. Gerda Verburg, Minister of Agriculture and Food Quality of the Netherlands, Chairperson of CSD-17
- Dr. Ernst Ulrich von Weizsacker, Co-Chair, International Panel for Sustainable Resource Management
- o Dr. Ashok Koshla, President of IUCN

There will be statements by major political groups as well as Major Groups on obstacles and constraints to implementation of agenda pertaining to the themes of the current cycle. Individual Member States will be able to speak, time permitting.

Wednesday, 12 May 2010, 3:00 – 6:00 pm, NLB, Conference Room 1

Roundtable 1: Sustainable production and consumption patterns

Co-Chairs: H.E. Mss. Stefania Prestigiacomo, Minister of the Environment and of Protection

of Land and Sea, Italy

H.E. Mr. Hameed Ullah Jan Afridi, Federal Minister for Environment, Pakistan

Panelists:

- Mr. Mohan Munasinghe, Chairman, Munasinghe Institute for Development, Sri Lanka and and Director-General of Sustainable Consumption Institute, University of Manchester
- Dr. Kaarin Taipale, Chair of the Marrakech Task Force on Sustainable Building and Construction
- Mr. Ernst Ulrich von Weizsacker, Co-Chair, International Panel for Sustainable Resource Management
- o Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP

Wednesday, 12 May 2010, 3:00 - 6:00 pm, NLB, ECOSOC Chamber

Roundtable 2: Managing mining for sustainable development

Co-Chairs: H.E. Mr. Lászlo Borbély, Minister of Environment and Forests, Romania

H.E. Ms. Ms. Susan Shabangu, Minister of Mineral Resources, South Africa

Panelists:

- o Mr. Samuel J. Spiegel, Department of Geography University of Cambridge, UK
- o Ms. Kathryn McPhail, Senior Program Director, ICMM
- Dr. Roderick G. Eggert, Professor and Director of the Division of Economics and Business, Colorado School of Mines

Thursday, 13 May 2010, 8:30 – 9:45 am, NLB, ECOSOC Chamber

Chair: Dr. Luis Alberto Ferraté Felice, Chairperson of CSD-18

"Straight Talk". It will be a closed meeting of ministers/heads of delegations where they will have an open discussion on "What will it take to translate global decisions into action at local level?". In this regard, Ministers/Heads of delegations are encouraged to suggest innovative solutions to accelerate the pace of implementation at country level. Ministers may elaborate on why Governments have not been so successful in relating national development policy and planning initiatives to global policy making fora. What is missing? Is there a lack of awareness about decisions made at the global level fora? Is UN system organizations and other implementing players are not playing their due role? Having a good understanding of these issues will be helpful in finding the right solutions.

Implementation Challenges & Opportunities for the themes of current cycle Thursday, 13 May 2010, 10:00am –1:00 pm, NLB, Conference Room 1

Chair: Dr. Luis Alberto Ferraté Felice, Chairperson of CSD-18

There will be an interactive ministerial dialogue with the heads of UN agencies, heads of governing bodies of UN system organizations and Major Groups on implementation challenges and opportunities for the themes of the current cycle. The discussion will specifically focus on the issues and questions arising out of first week's debate. It has been noted that decisions made at the CSD and other similar intergovernmental bodies do not adequately get reflected in the operational work programmes of various agencies. A consequence being that these are not picked up by the country assistance documents (such as UNDAF) prepared by the UN system. This dialogue will examine these issues with the objective to suggest a strategy that will target key implementation gaps.

Thursday, 13 May 2010, 3:00 -6:00 pm, NLB, Conference Room 1

Roundtable 3: Meeting the challenge of transportation needs in 21st century

Co-Chairs: H.E. Mr. Clifford Everald Warmington, Minister of State for Water and Housing,

Jamaica

H.E. Mr. Mr. Humberto D. ROSA, Secretary of State for the

Environment, Portugal

Panelists::

o Ms Brigid Hynes-Cherin, Regional Administrator, US Department of Transportation

Thursday, 13 May 2010, 3:00 –6:00 pm, NLB, ECOSOC Chamber

Roundtable 4: Strategies for sustainable chemicals and waste management

Co-Chairs: H.E. Mr. Mr. Kazuhiko TAKEMOTO, Vice-minister for Global Environmental

Affairs, Japan

H.E. Mr. Oliver Duli, Minister for Environment and Spatial Planning, Serbia

Panelists:

- o Dr. Nikola Ruzinski, State Secretary of Environment of Croatia
- o Mr. Donald Cooper, Executive Secretary of the Stockholm Convention
- o Mr. N.C. Vasuki, RGM, Solid Waste Management Consultant

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